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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, APER, XF, UN  
SUBJ: SAFETY OF UNMO'S IN LEBANON

REF: A. STATE 59120, B. TEL AVIV 3114

1. CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTION REF A MARCH 9. PRESENT WERE SILLASVUO AND HIS POLITICAL ADVISOR PRIETO.
2. SIILASVUO SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON PROBLEM INTENSIVELY FOR SOME TIME THROUGH IDF LIAISON OFFICER LEVINSON, OF WHOSE ABILITIES AND EFFECTIVENESS HE HAS HIGH REGARD. I SAID I SHARED HIS OPINION OF LEVINSON BUT THAT THIS WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HIGH LEVEL APPROACH BY HIM GIVEN DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND NEED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT CESSATION OF ATTACKS ON UNMOS.

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3. SIILASVUO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM UNNY TO MAKE HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE BUT NOTED WEIZMAN IN WASHINGTON. I URGED HIM TO SEE DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER TZIPORI OR SOME OTHER SENIOR ISRAELI ASAP LEST MISTAKEN IMPRESSION BE CREATED UNHQ IN JERUSALEM NOT CONCERNED AS U.S. AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS OVER SAFETY OF UNMOS. MOREOVER, IN FUTURE, WE THOUGHT UN COORDINA-

TOR SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD AND U.S. AND OTHERS COULD SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS.

4. SIILASVUO AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE AT A SENIOR LEVEL OF GOI HIS STRONG VIEW CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE RESTRAINED.

5. I ALSO URGED SIILASVUO TO VISIT LEBANON FOR FIRST-HAND SURVEY OF SITUATION AND TO EMPHASIZE UNTSO PLANS TO REMAIN IN SOUTH. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS COULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON UNMO'S MORALE. SIILASVUO THOUGHT SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT PRODUCE RESULTS COMMENSURATE WITH THOSE HE ANTICIPATES AS RESULT HIS PRESENT EFFORTS WITH ISRAELIS. HE IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF RELIEVING TWO OPS FROM ISRAELI SIDE AS WELL AS MAKING OTHER OPERATIONAL CHANGES WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM EXISITNG OBSERVATION CAPABILITIES. IN HIS MIND, THIS HAS HIGHER PRIORITY THAN TRIP TO LEBANON AT THIS STAGE.

6. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE HAVE GOTTEN MESSAGE ACROSS. WILL FOLLOW UP. AGREE SIILASVUO VISIT TO LEBANON WOULD BE USEFUL AND WILL URGE HIM TO RECONSIDER. SUGGEST URQUHART ALSO ENCOURAGE SIILASVUO TO MAKE VISIT TO LEBANON IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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7. STRONGLY ENDORSE AMBASSADOR LEWIS'S RECOMMENDATION SECRETARY RAISE MATTER WITH WEIZMAN AS SUGGESTED PARA FOUR REF B.  
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